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SUBJ: ASIAN TABLE-TENNIS MEET: PRG, LPF (PATHET LAO), GRUNK,
DPRK, AND PLO REPS

REF: TOKYO 3060 (NOTAL)

1. IN KEEPING WITH GOJ POLICY OF SYMPATHETIC AND FLEXIBLE
TREATMENT OF GROUPS WHO WISH TO ENTER JAPAN FOR TRADE, SPORTS,
CULTURAL EXCHANGES (AS EXPLAINED REFTTEL), GOJ HAS AGREED TO
ENTRY INTO JAPAN OF PRG, LPF, GRUNK, DPRK, AND PLO REPS TO
PARTICIPATE IN ASIAN TABLE-TENNIS MEET IN YOKOHAMA APRIL 2-15.
FONOFF (FIRST SE ASIA DEP HEAD KAZUHARA) TOLD EMBOFF THAT
DESPITE PRG, GRUNK,LPF INSISTENCE ON ENTERING WITH OWN
PASSPORTS, GOJ REFUSES TO RECOGNIZE PASSPORTS OR ISSUE VISAS
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WITHIN THEM AND WILL INSTEAD ISSUE SEPARATE TRAVELLING AUTH-
ORIZATION (AT LEAST TO PRG, LPF AND GRUNK TEAMS). FONOFF

ASSUMES THIS WILL BE ACCEPTABLE.

2. NINETY MEMBERS OF PRG, LPF, GRUNK, PLUS DRV TEAMS ARE EXPECTED TO ARRIVE FROM PEKING MARCH 30 ABOARD PRC PLANE. TOTAL 400 PLAYERS AND 30 OFFICIALS WILL PARTICIPATE.

3. KAZUHARA VOLUNTEERED THAT GOJ WOULD EXERCISE EXTREME CAUTION IN HANDLING TEAMS FROM UNRECOGNIZED AREAS BECAUSE OF SENSITIVITIES OF AND RELATIONS WITH LEGITIMATE GOVERNMENTS FROM SAME AREAS. GOJ IS ALSO ANXIOUS TO PREVENT REGIMES FROM CLAIMING THAT ADMISSION OF ATHLETES WAS TANTAMOUNT TO POLITICAL RECOGNITION BY GOJ.
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